



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held September 23, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

De novo hearing on Project No. R2006-03164-(2), Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200700020-(2), and determination of Categorical Exemption, to authorize construction, operation and maintenance of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of 5 panel antennas, 1 GPS Antenna, 4 Antenna panels and 6 BTS equipment cabinets, affixed to four sections of an existing CVS Pharmacy located at 4501 West Slauson Avenue, View Park Zoned District, applied for by T-Mobile, as further described in the attached letter dated June 30, 2008 from the Director of Planning.

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Mark Child, representing the Department of Regional Planning testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Jason Kozora, Joe Thompson, Gilberto Santiago representing T-Mobile and Earl Robinson, Maurice Washington, Robert Cole and others addressed the Board. Correspondence was presented.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The applicant is proposing to install a wireless telecommunications facility in an area where several such facilities operated by several different operators, including the applicant, currently exist. Throughout the process, members of the community have expressed significant interest in and concern about the proposed facility, including concern that the applicant has failed to provide the community with sufficient information about the project despite repeated requests.

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“The community has expressed concern that, among other things, the proliferation of wireless telecommunications facilities near residential uses will affect the character of the surrounding residential neighborhood and create visual blight. The neighbors requested information regarding how the proposed facility would impact views from surrounding homes, particularly those adjacent to the proposed site, and whether there would be any corresponding impact on property values. The applicant to date has not provided sufficient information regarding potential view impacts.

“Several other wireless facilities currently exist in the surrounding area, which may provide an opportunity for co-location. The community requested information regarding potential co-location opportunities for this facility, however, the applicant has not provided such information. Additionally, the applicant stated at the public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission that alternative locations for the wireless facility were considered but found not to be suitable. The applicant, however, did not provide sufficient information regarding these potential alternative sites. Further, inconsistent information has been presented regarding the potential beneficial impacts that this facility would have on 911 calls for emergency services. Such beneficial impacts played a role in the Regional Planning Commission's decision to approve this project, however, additional information and clarification regarding the impact on calls for emergency services is necessary.

“Several unanswered questions and the need for more information and clarification remain regarding: (1) view impacts and the effect on the surrounding neighborhood, (2) co-location opportunities, (3) alternative sites, and (4) impacts on 911 calls for emergency services within a one-mile radius of Slauson Avenue and Overhill Drive with data supplied from T-Mobile.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich being absent), the Board closed the hearing; and referred back to the Regional Planning Commission Project No. R2006-03164-(2) and Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200700020-(2), for evaluation of the following outstanding issues:

1. View impacts and the effect on the surrounding neighborhood, including impact on property values;
2. Co-location opportunities with other wireless facilities;
3. Alternative sites, and
4. Impacts on 911 calls for emergency services within a one-mile radius of Slauson Avenue and Overhill Drive with data supplied from T-Mobile.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
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Director of Planning
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